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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mrs. Dean,

I care about the land and waters of eastern Utah, and I am concerned about the impacts of expanding tar sands mining in the Colorado River watershed. Utah is a national treasure for a variety of reasons, including its contributions to the mighty Colorado, which provides water for millions of people across seven states and Mexico.

I am concerned that Utah is allowing a Canadian company to expand its tar sands mining project called "PR Springs" without sufficient re-examination of state approval despite the fact that the company intends to significantly increase the size, scope and impact of this mining operation. Expanded operations at this mine would require a significant amount of water from an already stressed system, and the mining pits would pollute groundwater and surface water.

Furthermore, Utah's Division of Water Quality previously determined that the PR Spring mine qualified for a permit-by-rule and has stated that in spite of a four-fold increase in the size of the mine pits, an increase in production and an increase in the mine footprint by over a hundred acres, which the mine still qualifies for a permit-by-rule. I believe that the state should reconsider that decision and allow for a public permitting process.

I ask that the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining not approve U.S. Oil Sands' Revised Notice of Intent for Large Scale Mining at PR Spring.

Yours,



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